

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of the allowance of dependent Claim 6 if presented in independent form.

Reconsideration of presently solicited Claims 1, 4 and 5 respectfully is requested. For the reasons indicated hereafter, these claims are urged to be in condition for allowance.

Non-elected method Claims 7 to 11 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce this subject matter in a timely filed Divisional Patent Application.

The continued rejection of presently solicited Claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the different teachings of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 4,965,146 to McCollough, Jr. et al. would be inappropriate.

Dependent Claim 6 which was indicated to be allowable if presented in independent form has been cancelled and its subject matter has been incorporated in independent Claim 1. Claims 4 and 5 depend from Claim 1. Accordingly, each of the presently solicited claims is in condition for allowance. The withdrawal of the rejection is urged to be in order and respectfully is requested.

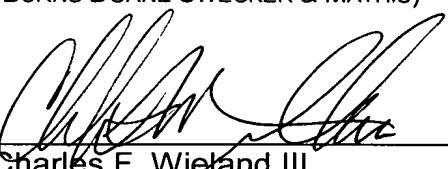
If there is any remaining point that requires clarification prior to the allowance of the Application, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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